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- 1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE PUT ON GUARD THAT THERE MAY BE A DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LATIN AMERICANS AND ASIANS FOR THESE TWO ADG POSTS. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS STATED THAT LA IS ENTITLED TO ONE ADG AND THAT ASIA IS ENTITLED TO ONE ADG. INDONESIA HAS PUT FORTH MAKAMINAN MAKAGINSAR AS CANDIDATE FOR THE ADG CULTURE SPOT AND HAS THE BACKING OF THE ASIAN GROUP.
- 2. DR. JUAN MUNOZ, COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR UNESCO, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LA GROUP, HAS INFORMED US THAT VENEZUELA HAS ALSO COME FORTH WITH A CANDIDATE FOR THE CULTURE POST. HE IS A DR. NERI, WHO, ACCORDING TO THE COLOMBIAN, IS RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CARACAS. THUS FAR THE VENEZUELANS HAVE MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PUSH THEIR MAN AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE HERE.

THEIR AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO IS NOT IN TOWN AND WILL NOT RETURN TO PARIS FOR AT LEAST A WEEK.

- 3. COLOMBIAN INFORMED PERMREP THAT LA GROUP WILL MEET LATER THIS WEEK, BUT MANY KEY DELEGATES WILL BE ABSENT, INCLUDING THE VENEZUELAN. AMBASSADOR MUNOZ STATED HE WILL BE LUNCHING WITH AMBASSADOR MORENO-SALCEDO OF THE PHILIPPINES, CURRENT CHAIRMAN ASIAN GROUP, TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE, BUT THAT FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY VENEZUELA.
- 4. CHANCES ARE SOME ARRANGEMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE ASIANS AND LATINS, BUT LATINS ARE NOTOR-IOUSLY DIFFICULT IN ARRIVING AT MUTUALLY AGREED CANDIDATES.
- 5. RECOMMEND US KEEP VERY LOW PROFILE AND NOT INDICATE ANY PREFERENCE UNTIL ASIANS AND LATINS MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT.
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